

Dr. Edson House (Stone Village Inn)  
Chester Depot (second house east of  
the Universalist Church), North Street  
Windsor County  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
DR. EDSON HOUSE (STONE VILLAGE INN)

Location: North Street,  
Chester Depot (second house east of the Universa-  
list Church), Windsor County, Vermont.

Present Owner: Eugene O'Neill, Chester Depot, Vermont.

Present Occupant: The owner.

Present Use: Private residence.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: One of several types in unique Chester Depot  
group of stone houses. At one time an Inn.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original owner: Dr. Edson, the original owner, was an M.D.
2. Date of erection: 1833. Wood rear section probably earlier.
3. Builder: Presumably the Clark brothers who built most of the stone houses in town.

B. References: An article on the stone house of the area in Vermont Life, Autumn, 1950.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: One of several types in unique Chester Depot group of stone houses.
2. Condition of Fabric: Excellent.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

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1. Overall dimensions: Rectangular stone main section, one room deep, 2-1/2 stories high; plus wood ell to the rear.
  2. Foundations: Stone.
  3. Wall construction: Stone main section - mica-schist. Timber frame ell.
  4. Openings
    - a. Doorways and doors: Ovoid fan light over front door. Original six panelled entrance door with top two panels lighted.
    - b. Windows and shutters: 2/2 light double hung windows. Original windows replaced. Louvred shutters.
  5. Roof
    - a. Shape-covering: Gable roof. Asbestos shingles. No ridge pole in the early frame rear wing. Louvred fan in gable.
    - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed eave with simple molding with drip mold.
    - c. Dormers: One dormer added later in rear.
  6. Chimneys: Three, brick.
- C. Technical Description of Interior
1. Floor plan: Central hall type plan.
  2. Stairways: Stairs on East wall of central hall. Simple, original, straight run. Turned balusters. Tapered rectangular newel post.
  3. Floor: Pine, random width.
  4. Wall and ceiling finish: Original plaster, walls and ceiling.
  5. Doors: Original, panelled, simple.

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6. Trim: Simple boards --- molding on outside matches fireplace molding.
7. Hardware: Hand-forged original. Front door, brass.
8. Lighting: Electric.
9. Heating: Central heating and fireplaces with brick chimneys against outer stone walls.

D. Site

1. Orientation and general setting: Open setting - house faces north.
2. Outbuildings: Ell and barn are later additions.
3. Walks: Stone.
4. Landscaping: Shade trees and shrubs.

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